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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Catastrophic Disaster Response Planning (CDRP) Program

1. Purpose. Provide an overview of Honolulu District's CDRP program.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts: The CDRP program establishes a "worst case" scenario and then develops plans to accomplish response and recovery. CDRP is a civil works (i.e O&M General) funded and is limited to planning for catastrophic natural disasters. However, much of the damage derived from a worst case scenario is believed to be common to the possible results from a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) or terrorist event. Thus, the plan may have non-natural disaster applications

a. Victim District. CDRP, by definition, is beyond the capability of a single District. Both of the CDRP scenarios in Pacific Ocean Division (POD), a major Anchorage earthquake and Category III typhoon making landfall in Honolulu, render the cognizant District a victim. As a victim, the District's principle responsibility will be to reconstitute. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will task or mission assign the Division Forward Commander. In the Anchorage CDRP, day-to-day work will be assumed by the Fairbanks Resident Office. In the Honolulu CDRP day-to-day work will be assumed by the Emergency Response and Recovery Office (ERRO).

b. The Division Forward. The Division Forward Commander (DFC) has overall responsibility for executing FEMA assigned missions. The DFC commands the ERRO. (Based on the latest policy following the WTC disaster, ESF #3 personnel at the DFO works for the Director of Civil Works.)

c. The ESF-3 team (ESF #3 is a designation from the Federal Response Plan) is responsible to scope all FEMA missions, task the ERRO to execute missions, and coordinate among the other state and federal agencies in the response. The ESF #3 team is composed of a team leader, assistant team leader, administrative assistant and Action Officers/representatives from each mission PRT. The team leader, assistant team leader, and administrative assistant make up the ESF #3 Management Cell.

d. The ERRO is a mini-District. It has the full capability to execute any FEMA assigned mission (in the Honolulu CDRP, day-to-day work will be executed until POH is reconstituted). Key staff to manage the response will come from a single District (POH will provide key staff for an Anchorage earthquake and POA will provide key staff for a Honolulu typhoon). The key staff is augmented by various Planning and Response Teams (PRT) from across the Corps. Available Mission PRTs include: Water, Ice, Power, Debris, Temporary Roofing, Temporary Housing, Structural Safety, and Emergency Access. Available functional PRTs include: Public Affairs, Real Estate, Resource Management, Human Resources, Logistics, Safety, Audit, Contracting, and Information Management. Additional resources are available through Corps-wide recruitment (typically Quality Assurance inspectors).